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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...UPDATED THROUGH MARCH 29
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TAMPA BAY AREA - RUSKIN FL
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...MARCH 2012 WILL LIKELY END UP AS ONE OF THE TOP TEN WARMEST...

FOR MOST OF THIS MARCH HIGH PRESSURE HAS DOMINATED THE WEATHER ACROSS THE AREA BRINGING FAIR AND WARM WEATHER. EXCEPT FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE MONTH, TEMPERATURES, ESPECIALLY HIGH TEMPERATURES, HAVE BEEN AVERAGING WELL ABOVE NORMAL. SO FAR THIS MONTH TEMPERATURES ARE GENERALLY AVERAGING ABOUT 3 TO 7 DEGREES ABOVE NORMAL ACROSS THE REGION.

IT HAS ALSO BEEN RATHER DRY ACROSS THE AREA WITH RAINFALL AMOUNTS BELOW NORMAL, BUT ENOUGH RAIN HAS FALLEN TO KEEP US OUT OF THE TOP TEN DRIEST.

BELOW ARE LISTS OF THE TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES AT SOME SITES ACROSS THE AREA, ALONG WITH THE AVERAGE SO FAR THIS MARCH THROUGH THE FIRST 27 DAYS:

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES AT CHIEFLAND 5 ESE:

1	69.6	IN 1997
2	67.6	IN 1973
3	67.5	IN 2003
4	67.2	IN 1977
5	66.3	IN 1976
6	66.0	IN 1989
6	66.0	IN 1982
6	66.0	IN 1974
9	65.9	IN 1961
10	65.8	IN 1990

AVERAGE THRU MARCH 29 = 68.5
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT CHIF1 = 62.1
RECORDS BEGAN JUNE 1956

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES AT INVERNESS 3 SE:

1	70.9	IN 1997
2	70.0	IN 1953
3	69.3	IN 1976
4	69.2	IN 1974
4	69.2	IN 1961
6	68.8	IN 1963
7	68.4	IN 1973
8	68.3	IN 1977
8	68.3	IN 1967
10	67.9	IN 2003

AVERAGE THRU MARCH 29 = 69.6
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT INV1 = 63.6
RECORDS BEGAN JULY 1948

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES AT BROOKSVILLE CHIN HILL:

1	73.0	IN 1945
2	72.6	IN 1918
3	71.7	IN 1935
3	71.7	IN 1908
5	71.0	IN 1929
6	70.9	IN 1948
6	70.9	IN 1897
8	70.6	IN 1939
9	70.5	IN 2003
10	70.2	IN 1961

AVERAGE THRU MARCH 29 = 71.3
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT BROF1 = 66.8
RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1892

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES AT ST LEO:

1	72.8	IN 1945
1	72.8	IN 1897
3	72.7	IN 1997
4	72.4	IN 1948
5	71.8	IN 2003
6	71.6	IN 1938
7	71.0	IN 1974
8	70.8	IN 1953
9	70.6	IN 1977
9	70.6	IN 1903

AVERAGE THRU MARCH 29 = 70.8
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT STL1 = 67.4
RECORDS BEGAN MARCH 1895

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT TARPON SPRINGS:

1	74.5	IN 1997
2	73.1	IN 1948
3	73.0	IN 1945
4	71.9	IN 2003
5	71.8	IN 1897
6	71.6	IN 1921
6	71.6	IN 1903
8	71.2	IN 1929
9	71.0	IN 2000
10	70.6	IN 1923

AVERAGE THRU MARCH 29 = 71.7
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT TRPF1 = 66.2
RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1892

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT ST PETERSBURG*:

1	73.9	IN 1948
1	73.9	IN 1945
3	73.3	IN 1997
4	73.2	IN 1921
5	72.8	IN 1976
6	72.7	IN 1918
7	72.4	IN 1938
8	72.3	IN 1935
9	72.1	IN 2003
10	71.9	IN 1973
10	71.9	IN 1929

AVERAGE THRU MARCH 29 = 74.0
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT SPGF1 = 68.0
RECORDS BEGAN AUGUST 1914

* THE DATA LISTED HERE IS FROM THE OFFICIAL COOPERATIVE OBSERVING SITE LOCATED AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT NEAR ALBERT WHITTED AIRPORT. THE RECORDS FOR THIS SITE GO BACK TO 1914, UNLIKE THE DATA FROM THE ASOS AT ST PETERSBURG - ALBERT WHITTED AIRPORT (KSPG) WHICH ONLY GOES BACK TO 1998.

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT TAMPA:

1	73.9	IN 1997
2	73.2	IN 1945
3	72.6	IN 1921
4	72.2	IN 1907
5	71.9	IN 1897
6	71.8	IN 1948
6	71.8	IN 1938
6	71.8	IN 1918
9	71.7	IN 2003
10	71.3	IN 1935

AVERAGE THRU MARCH 29 = 74.2
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT TPA = 67.3
RECORDS BEGAN APRIL 1890

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT PLANT CITY:

1	73.2	IN 1907
2	73.1	IN 1997
3	72.2	IN 1945
4	71.8	IN 1903
5	71.7	IN 2003
6	71.2	IN 1977
7	71.1	IN 1974
8	70.9	IN 1913
9	70.7	IN 1976
9	70.7	IN 1953

AVERAGE THRU MARCH 29 = 71.6
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT PLCF1 = 66.7
RECORDS BEGAN SEPTEMBER 1892

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT LAKE LAND:

1	73.5	IN 1921
2	73.4	IN 1918
3	72.8	IN 1997
3	72.8	IN 1945
5	72.7	IN 1935
6	72.6	IN 1938
7	72.3	IN 2003
8	71.6	IN 1989
8	71.6	IN 1976
10	71.5	IN 1948

AVERAGE THRU MARCH 29 = 71.7
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT LLDF1 = 66.8
RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1915

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT WINTER HAVEN:

1	73.5	IN 1997
2	73.3	IN 1945
3	73.0	IN 2003
4	72.7	IN 1948
5	72.0	IN 1977
6	71.9	IN 1989
7	71.5	IN 1974
8	71.4	IN 1976
9	71.3	IN 1990
10	71.1	IN 2002

AVERAGE THRU MARCH 29 = 72.6
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT GIF = 67.9
RECORDS BEGAN FEBRUARY 1941

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT MOUNTAIN LAKE:

1	75.3	IN 1990
2	72.3	IN 1927
3	72.1	IN 2003
4	71.7	IN 1938
4	71.7	IN 1905
6	71.6	IN 1953
7	71.2	IN 1995
8	71.1	IN 1915
8	71.1	IN 2002
10	70.8	IN 1933

AVERAGE THRU MARCH 29 = 72.4
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT LWLF1 = 68.2
RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1935

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT SARASOTA-BRADENTON:

1	72.6	IN 1997
2	71.9	IN 2003
2	71.9	IN 1948
4	71.1	IN 1921
5	70.8	IN 1945
6	70.6	IN 1974
7	70.4	IN 1953
8	70.1	IN 1989
9	70.0	IN 1918
10	69.9	IN 1929

AVERAGE THRU MARCH 29 = 73.0
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT SRQ = 66.6
RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1911

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT VENICE:

1	74.4	IN 1997
2	73.9	IN 2003
3	70.8	IN 2000
4	70.1	IN 2011
4	70.1	IN 2002
6	69.8	IN 1995
6	69.8	IN 1973
6	69.8	IN 1961
9	69.7	IN 1963
10	69.5	IN 1977
10	69.5	IN 1974

AVERAGE THRU MARCH 29 = 73.2
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT VNCF1 = 67.2
RECORDS BEGAN APRIL 1955

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT ARCHBOLD BIO STN:

1	73.1	IN 2003
2	72.6	IN 1997
3	70.6	IN 1977
3	70.6	IN 1974
5	70.0	IN 1976
6	69.8	IN 1982
7	69.4	IN 1973
8	69.3	IN 1989
9	69.2	IN 2002
10	69.0	IN 1980

AVERAGE THRU MARCH 29 = 70.2
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT ACHF1 = 66.1
RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1969

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT PUNTA GORDA 4 ESE:

1	74.3	IN 2003
2	73.8	IN 1997
3	72.1	IN 1974
4	71.3	IN 2002
4	71.3	IN 2000
4	71.3	IN 1977
7	71.0	IN 1982
8	70.8	IN 1989
8	70.8	IN 1973
10	70.7	IN 1976

AVERAGE THRU MARCH 29 = 71.5
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT PNTF1 = 68.9
RECORDS BEGAN NOVEMBER 1965

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT FORT MYERS:

1	74.8	IN 2003
2	74.4	IN 1948
3	73.2	IN 1921
4	73.0	IN 1982
5	72.6	IN 1913
6	72.5	IN 2002
7	72.3	IN 1945
7	72.3	IN 1938
9	72.1	IN 1939
9	72.1	IN 1923

AVERAGE THRU MARCH 29 = 74.2
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT FMY = 69.9
RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1902

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